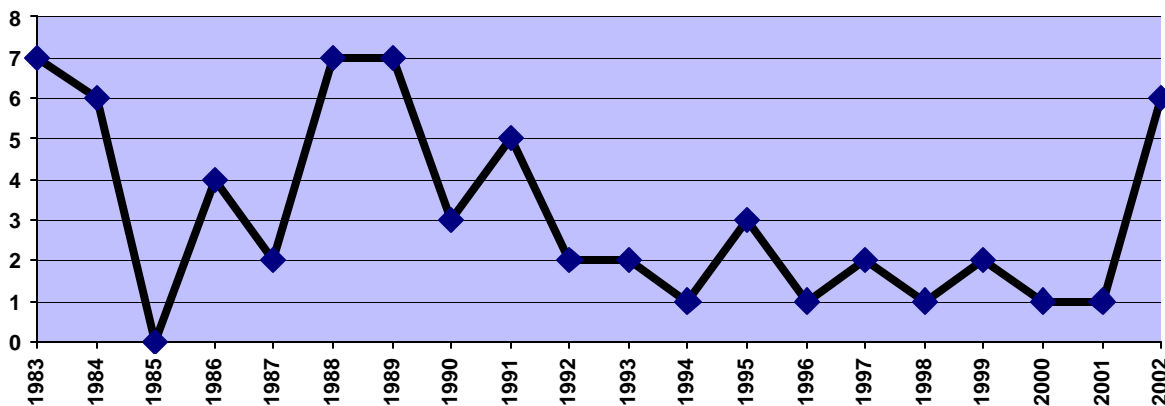


MURDER

Murder and Non-negligent Manslaughter, as defined in the Uniform Crime Reporting Program, is the willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another. The classification of this offense, as for all other Crime Index Offenses, is based solely on police investigation, as opposed to the determination of a court, medical examiner, coroner, jury, or other judicial body. Not included in the count for this offense classification are deaths caused by negligence, suicide, or accident; justifiable homicides; and attempts to murder or assaults with the intent to murder, which are scored as aggravated assaults.

Murder in Cambridge, 1983-2002



Characteristics of Murder in Cambridge

For the 30-year period between 1960 and 1989, the City of Cambridge averaged four and a half murders per year. The annual average in the 1990s has fallen to two and a half per year. Nationally, cities of 100,000 residents average 10 murders each year. Trend analysis over the past few years points to three recurring murder scenarios in Cambridge: domestic murder, in which an elderly female is brutally killed by her husband in a homicidal rage; arguments among the homeless that, often fueled by drugs or alcohol, escalate into deadly violence; and the murder of young males by a handgun or knife in street robberies or drug deals gone awry.

Since 1990, there have been 29 murders in the city of Cambridge. Of these 29 homicides, seventeen of the victims were male (average age of 23) and fourteen were female (average age of 44). A handgun was the murder weapon in five of the incidents, and a knife was used in eight of the other 13 homicides. Seven of the 29 murder cases reported since 1990 are still under investigation. The last time Cambridge reported as many as six murders in a calendar year was in 1989 when seven were reported. In 1973, there were ten murders reported committed in Cambridge. The highest total of homicides in Cambridge in the past thirty years was in 1972 when

Six Murders Reported in Cambridge in 2002

After Hours Brawl in Central Square Ends Deadly

February 11, 2002

Jason Girouard, 32, of Waltham was arrested for manslaughter following the death of a male victim. The victim died on 2/22/02 after eleven days in the intensive care unit from massive head trauma that resulted from an incident on 2/11/02 at Hi-Fi Pizza in Central Square. Girouard and the victim got into a shoving match in the restaurant then when outside to continue the fight. When officers arrived, the victim was found on the ground unconscious, and Girouard

Boston man shot outside of Nightclub

April 5, 2002

On April 5th, 2002, a young man was fatally shot outside a nightclub after a fight among several men broke out inside the Rhythm and Spice bar and spilled out onto Mass Ave. The victim was identified as Ian Gray of Boston. Gray was shot once in the chest. The gunman fled on foot. This case is still under investigation.

**Domestic Situation Goes Bad on
Worcester St.**
April 17, 2002

On 4/17/02 at 10:30PM, gunshots were heard at 16 Worcester Street. It was later determined that a murder /suicide between a husband and wife had been committed. The victims were identified as Scott and Desiree Saunders. Three children were in the apartment sleeping at the time of the incident. When police arrived at the scene, the male victim was found with a gunshot wound to his head and the female victim was found lying across the bed with gunshot wounds.

Death of Malden still Under Investigation
June 17, 2002

On 6/17/02 at 7:00PM, while responding to a report of gunshots at 167 Windsor St., officers discovered Ricardo Williams from Malden with a gunshot wound to the side of his face. Williams was found in the driver's seat of a 2002 Infiniti and transported to the Cambridge City Hospital where he was pronounced dead. This case remains under investigation.

Disaster at the Railroad Tracks
June 19, 2002

On Tuesday, June 19th, 2002, a Cambridge man who tried to blame the shooting of his friend on two phantom black male suspects, was arrested and charged with manslaughter of his close friend under the Leonard Russell Bridge. Andrew Power-Koch was arraigned the next day at the Cambridge District Court in the shooting of his friend Sean Howard.

Boston man shot outside of Nightclub
October 21, 2002

Anthony Jakes of Milton and Gregory Robinson of Boston, who both knew each other from dating the same woman, had an altercation in front of Robinson's apartment. Jakes stabbed the victim and then fled. Jakes later turned himself into police custody. Robinson was taken to Mass General Hospital where he died the following day.

Cambridge man indicted in pal's fatal shooting

Boston Herald, Tuesday, December 31, 2002

A Cambridge man was indicted yesterday for allegedly shooting his friend in the chest and killing him. A Middlesex County grand jury charged Andrew Power-Koch, 20, of Cambridge, manslaughter as well as firearms possession charges for the June 18 homicide of Sean Howard, 20, of Roxbury. Powers-Koch allegedly shot his pal on a railroad trestle in West Cambridge, then brought the body up to street level and waited for police to arrive. He first told police "two black guys" who were selling marijuana shot his buddy, but authorities said they later arrested him after his story changed.

Milton man held on murder charge

Boston Herald, Thursday, January 9, 2003

A Milton man accused of stabbing a man to death was ordered held without bail after pleading innocent to murder yesterday. Anthony Jakes, 23, was arraigned at Middlesex Superior Court on charges connected with the death of Gregory Robinson, 25, of Dorchester. Prosecutors allege Jakes stabbed Robinson on Oct. 20 outside a Cambridge residence. Robinson died the next day at a Boston hospital. A grand jury indicted James last month. He had previously pleaded innocent to the charge in Cambridge District Court on Oct. 28.

Murder Across the State & Nation

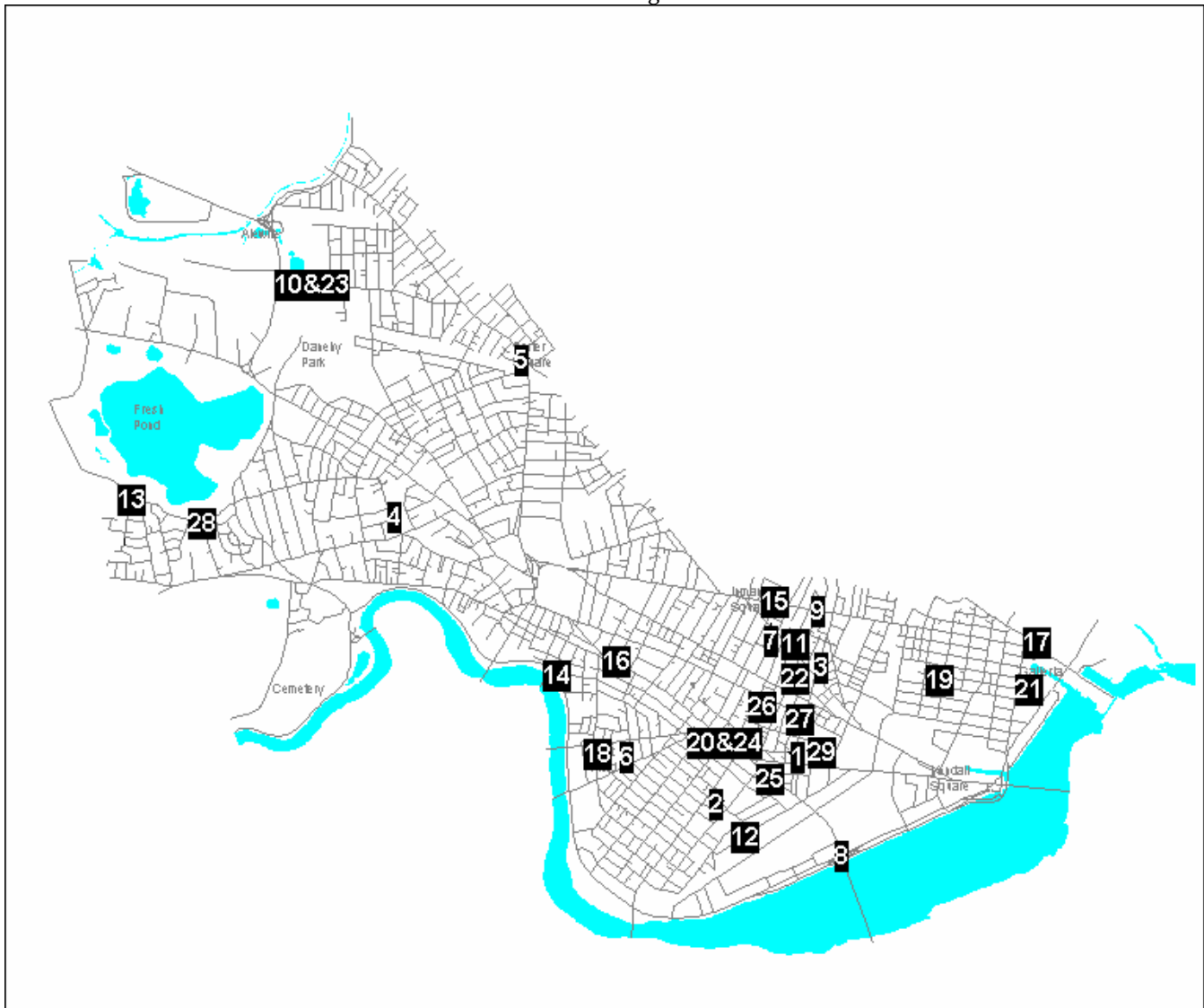
In 2001*, the United States of America reported 15,980 murders, representing an increase of 2.5% from the 15,586 homicides recorded in 2000. Although 2001 experienced a minimal increase in the number of murders, the epidemic has moderately followed a decreasing trend. In 1995, there were a total of 21,606 homicides which registers an even 26% decrease from the 15,980 which took place in 2001. The nation's cities reported the largest decrease (10% on average).

Across the nation, murder victims are 18% female and 82% male; Cambridge has a much higher percentage of female murders (probably because of our relatively low number of gang-related homicides, in which the victims are usually male). The nation's murder victims' ages mirror those of Cambridge, with the average male age in the mid-20s and the average female age around 40.

Massachusetts seemed to do better than the national average, even though the state experienced a nominal increase of 20 incidents (from 125 in 2000 to 145 in 2001). Boston experiences the majority of the state's homicides, as it did in 2001 with 65 homicides. These 65 murders registered a 67% increase from the 39 homicides that occurred in 2000. None of the other towns surrounding Cambridge (Watertown, Belmont,

Murders in Cambridge since 1990

The map and table below recapitulate the 29 incidents of murder—resulting in the deaths of 31 people—between 1990 and 2003. Nine of these murders are incidents of gang, drug, and gun violence involving young men; eight are domestic and family violence killings; three are murders between homeless people; one stems from a store hold-up gone awry; two sprang from a heated argument at a restaurant; and in six cases, the motivation or cause of the murder is unknown. Ten of these incidents have not been solved and are under investigation.



Map #	Date & Time	Location	Victim(s)	Offender(s)	Story	Status
1	1/25/90 01:00	Windsor St. & School St. (Area 4)	Jessie McKie, 21 and Rigoberto Carrion, 30, of Cambridge	Ventrey Gordon, 20, and Sean Lee, 21, of Mattapan.	McKie and Carrion were walking on the street when a group of men approached them. The men tried to	Gordon and Lee both convicted of murder. One other man convicted of accessory to murder. A

					steal McKie's leather jacket and stabbed both victims to death.	fourth man tried and acquitted.
2	4/3/90 00:00 to 06:00	100 Pacific St. (Cambridgeport)	Jacqueline W. Blenman, 39, of Cambridge	Unknown	The victim was found strangled and dumped on the street.	Unsolved
3	3/15/91 23:00	97 Hampshire St. (Inman/Harrington)	Uri Woods, 29, of Cambridge	Unknown	The victim was shot to death on the street.	Unsolved
Map #	Date & Time	Location	Victim(s)	Offender(s)	Story	Status
4	4/4/91 20:58	Sparks St. & Brewster St. (West Cambridge)	Mary Joe Frug, 49, of Cambridge	A white male in his 20's in a black leather jacket	Frug was walking a few blocks from her residence when an unknown assailant stabbed her to death.	Unsolved
5	5/7/91	Porter Square (North Cambridge)	Derrick Chance, 24, of Cambridge	Courtney Lewis, 24, of Cambridge	The victim was slashed to death with a razor during an argument in a fast food restaurant.	Lewis was convicted of manslaughter.
6	9/29/91 03:30	16 Mildred Hamilton Pl. (Riverside)	Bobbie Schley, 45, of Cambridge	Morris King, 48, of Barbados	Schley was stabbed to death in an argument with King, her boyfriend.	King was convicted of murder.
7	12/5/91 15:00	162 Hampshire St. (Area 4)	Esther Olofson, 49, of Cambridge	Unknown	Olofson was reported missing by her friends and family. Her body was later found in her bed. She had apparently been strangled.	Unsolved
8	9/19/92 20:30	Massachusetts Av. & Memorial Dr. (MIT)	Yngye Raustein, 21, an MIT student	Shon McHugh, 16; Joseph Donovan, 17; and Alfredo Velez, 18, all of Cambridge	Raustein was stabbed to death in a robbery gone sour.	All three suspects were convicted of murder
9	11/28/92 00:30	Cambridge St. & Columbia St. (Inman/Harrington)	Tyrone Phoenix, 18, of Dorchester	Shawn Carter, 21, of Cambridge	Phoenix and other youths were driving in Cambridge. When they came to a stoplight, Carter came over and tapped on the window. After being told to get away from the car, he pulled out a pistol and started shooting.	Carter was convicted of murder
10	9/22/93 21:30	324 Rindge Ave. (North Cambridge)	Michael Garner, 23, of Cambridge	Three young black males	Michael Garner was walking home when three young black males confronted him and tried to rob him of his gold chains. The robbery went astray, and Garner was shot twice and killed.	Unsolved
11	9/25/93 19:30	160 Elm St. (Inman/Harrington)	Rosalie Whalen, 54, of Cambridge	Dennis Whalen, 54, of Cambridge	Whalen bludgeoned his wife to death with a hammer.	Whalen was convicted of murder
12	3/31/94 16:00	Rear of CASPAR shelter, 240 Albany St. (Cambridgeport)	Edward Semino	Unknown	The victim was beaten to death in a fight between homeless people.	Unsolved
13	1/24/95	700 Huron Ave. (Strawberry Hill)	Claire Downing, 60, of Cambridge	Ken Downing, 62, of Cambridge	Downing beat his wheelchair-bound wife to death with a blunt object.	Downing was tried and convicted of murder
14	5/30/95 08:00	Harvard University Dunster House (Riverside)	Trang Phuong Ho, 22, Harvard student	Sinedu Tadesse, Harvard student	After Ho told Tadesse she did not want to room with her the following year, Tadesse stabbed Ho to	Tadesse committed suicide.

					death and then hung herself.	
15	8/9/95 15:30	304 Prospect St. (Inman/Harrington)	Lilia Fagundes, 42, owner of market	Black male, 15-16 years old, with a thin build	Fagundes was shot to death in her store, possibly in a robbery gone awry	Unsolved
16	11/22/96 18:40	1033 Massachusetts Ave. (Mid-Cambridge)	Laurence Cooper, 50s, a homeless veteran	Richard Kachadorian, 50, of Cambridge	Kachadorian stabbed Cooper in the throat and chest during a street argument.	Kachadorian was tried and convicted of murder
17	3/26/97 01:25	East Street trailer yards (East Cambridge)	Helena Gardner, 19, homeless	Nicole Fernandes, 19, homeless; Randy Williams, homeless; Mark McCray, homeless	Fernandes lured Gardner, with the promise of a drink, to an abandoned trailer. Fernandes bound Gardner to a chair, whipped her with a metal rod and rose thorns, and then bludgeoned her to death with a sledgehammer before setting the trailer on fire. The two men watched.	Fernandes and Williams convicted of murder. McCray awaits trial.
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18	8/19/97 20:55	Hoyt Field (Riverside)	Benny Rosa, 19, of Cambridge	Anthony Cole, 20, and Craig Joseph, 25, of Boston	Cole and Joseph encountered each other in Hoyt Field and fired on each other. Rosa was caught in the crossfire. Two others were wounded.	Cole convicted of murder. Joseph fled and was caught in New York City in 1999. He awaits trial.
19	10/16/98 10:56	157 Fifth St. (East Cambridge)	Joseph Beranger, 64, and Mary Beranger, 64, of California	John J. Hinds, 56, of Cambridge	Hinds and his half-brother, Joseph, and sister were involved in an on-going dispute over their mother and her residence. At the time of the incident, Joseph and his wife Mary were on their way to see their mother. Hinds got there first, an argument ensued, and Hinds shot his sister in the head. Then he fatally shot Joseph and Mary Beranger.	Hinds awaits trial.
20	9/18/99 03:15	496 Massachusetts Ave. (Cambridgeport)	Colin Burton, 30, of Dorchester	2 or more black males in a Ford Explorer	Burton and two friends stopped at Hi-Fi Pizza in Central Square. A green Ford Explorer pulled up outside the restaurant. While Burton was talking with the occupants, he banged on the hood of the vehicle. The man in the passenger seat fired through the open window, striking Burton once in the chest. Burton died the following Monday.	Under active investigation
21	12/23/99 17:10	CambridgeSide Galleria parking garage (East Cambridge)	Gary M. Chatelain, 20, of Roslindale	Jose N. Correia, 20, of Roxbury	Chatelain and Correia, known to each other, were part of two groups involved in a fight in the garage. Corriea shot Chatelain in the chest.	Correia arrested in Portugal by Interpol and local police.
22	7/6/2000	101 Hampshire St.	Jeffrey Williams,	Fredrick J.	Police responded to a call	Awaiting trial.

	02:06	(Inman/ Harrington)	33, of Cambridge	Howard, 22, of Cambridge	that someone had been shot in the leg at 101 Hampshire St. Once on scene Williams was found shot in the chest and died later at Mass General Hospital. A suspect identified as Howard was seen running away from the scene. The victim had called a friend stating that the man and woman he was out with were arguing and that he had escorted the woman back to her residence.	
23	1/7/2001 14:30	Jefferson Park (North Cambridge)	11-month old female	John Forbes, 30, of Roxbury	Cambridge police and fire units responded to an apartment in Jefferson Park. When officers arrived, they found an eleven-month-old baby lying on the bed unresponsive and not breathing. The baby was transported to the hospital, but later died. The baby's father, John Forbes of Roxbury stated that the baby had choked on an orange peel. The medical examiner determined that the infant had died from massive trauma to her head, consistent with "shaken baby" syndrome.	Awaiting trial
Map #	Date & Time	Location	Victim(s)	Offender(s)	Story	Status
24	2/11/2002 14:30	522 Massachusetts Ave. (Cambridgeport)	Azedine Lachhab, 42, of East Boston	Jason Girouard, 32, of Waltham	Lachhab died after 11 days in the hospital from severe head trauma that resulted from a fight at the Hi-Fi in Central Square.	Awaiting Trial
25	4/5/2002	315 Massachusetts Ave. (Area 4)	Ian Gray, 19, of Mattapan	Black male	An argument that transpired inside the Rhythm & Spice restaurant spilled out onto Mass Ave. One person left the scene of the argument and then returned with 7-8 more people when a fight ensued. A knife was produced during the fight, and four gunshots were fired, fatally wounding Gray.	Under Active Investigation
26	4/17/2002	16 Worcester St. (Area 4)	Desiree Saunders, 36, of Cambridge	Scott Saunders, 37, of Cambridge	Police arrived to the scene to find the victim lying on her back in her bed with gunshot wounds. Her assailant and husband was found at the foot of the bed with one gunshot wound to his head after he had committed suicide.	Scott Saunders committed suicide.
27	6/17/2002	167 Windsor St. (Area 4)	Ricardo Williams, 27, of Malden	Unknown	Police responded to possible gunshots to find Williams in the driver's seat of a 2002 Infiniti with gunshot wounds to the left side of his face.	Under Active Investigation

					Williams was taken to Cambridge City Hospital where he was pronounced dead.	
28	6/18/2002	Aberdeen Ave. & Huron Ave.	Sean A. Howard, 19, of Dorchester	Andrew Power-Koch, 20, of Cambridge	Power-Koch confessed to accidentally shooting his best friend, Howard, in the chest at the railroad track area of Aberdeen Ave.	Awaiting Trial
29	10/21/2002	29 Newtowne Ct.	Gregory Robinson of Boston	Anthony Jakes, 23, of Milton	Both the victim and culprit got into an altercation in front of the victim's apartment. Jakes then stabbed Robinson and fled. Jakes later turned himself into police custody. Robinson was taken to Mass General Hospital where he died the following day.	Awaiting Trial